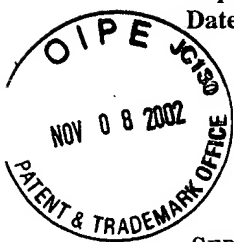


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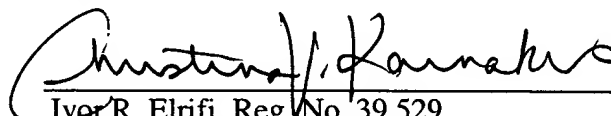
**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action Dated September 3, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of SuperGroup A, and Group 7 (claims 1-4, 29, and 32, drawn to polypeptides; SEQ ID NO:14).

A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and required fee are filed herewith. With this extension, a response is due on or before December 3, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-672 (Cura-172).

Respectfully submitted,

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